

## SHOULD A HORSE BE CLIPPED?

CLIPPING IN THE EARLY SPRING  
RECOMMENDED BY LEADING  
VETERINARIANS.

All Thinking Men Readily Recognize  
Its Advantages.

"A horse is a valuable asset, and should receive the best care possible. He should be well fed, comfortably stabled, carefully groomed and clipped in the early spring. If he receives these attentions he will work well and improve in value. A horse lives under artificial conditions. In his wild state he required none of these attentions, for he was able to look out for himself. The domesticated animal, being worked under conditions that are in themselves artificial, must be kept in condition for such work.

The clipping of a horse in the early spring is now conceded by all the leading veterinarians to be as essential to a horse's well being as shoeing him or giving him a comfortable bed to lie on. Farmers in England and France have been clipping their horses for many years, and American farmers are not slow to realize its advantages. A clipped horse dries out rapidly after a hard day's work, and will rest comfortably and be refreshed for the work the following day. An unclipped horse is liable to catch the heaves, pneumonia and all sorts of colds, rheumatism, etc. More especially is this so in the early spring, when his hair is long and he is "soft." If worked hard he will perspire freely and the moisture will be held by his long hair, and the food that should go to nourish him will be used to replenish the heat that is being constantly taken from his body by the mass of cold wet hair. If clipped, the perspiration will evaporate almost as soon as secreted, and when put in the stable he rests comfortably and his food does him good.

Some years ago a Buffalo street car company tested the value of clipping in the following manner: They owned 500 horses, and 250 of these were clipped early in the spring and 250 were not clipped. A careful record was kept of results, and it was found that of the 250 unclipped horses 153 were afflicted with coughs and pneumonia, while of the 250 clipped not one case of sickness was reported.

A man would not expect to enjoy very good health if he did hard manual work clothed with heavy underwear, and after perspiring freely, as he naturally would, go to sleep without removing same. It is just as ridiculous to expect a horse to be in perfect health if worked under the same conditions.

If you would get the best returns from your investment in your horse, treat him right, and be sure and clip him in the early spring. A first-class horse-clipping machine can be bought at almost any hardware store for less than \$7.00.—Horse Review, Dec. 6th, 1905.

### FIGURES AND FINDINGS.

France's imports last year amounted to \$334,772,630, exports \$352,344,800. In 1904, imports were \$309,462,600, exports \$390,181,200.

Of the 646 steamers and sailing vessels lost last year England lost 209, America 110, Norway 60, Italy and Russia each 37, Japan 34, France 33, Sweden 31.

During the late war the Japanese lost only 15,000 men from sickness, as compared with 57,000 from wounds; a proportion without parallel in the records of war.

According to a recently published official statement, tetanus is extremely prevalent in Cuba, especially among infants. During the last five years over 25 per 1,000 of new-born infants have died of tetanus.

Returns of the coal production in the departments of the Pas de Calais, and the Nord, France, comprising 25 collieries, show an increase on the year from 22,713,663 to 24,272,071 tons; coke from 1,543,343 to 1,772,785 tons; and patent fuel from 913,520 to 971,068 tons. The region produces about one-half the total production of France.

Couldn't Qualify.  
"One of you boys may one day be president!" the school visitor said.  
"Lot of chance, ain't there," was the reply. "Lot of chance when there ain't a bear or a bob-cat in a thousand miles of here."—Puck.

### THE EDITOR

Explains How to Keep Up Mental  
and Physical Vigor.

A New Jersey editor writes:  
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## SHEEP IN BRUSH ORCHARD

How One Farmer Utilizes the Animals in Keeping Down the Brush While Trees Are Growing.

Last year Austin Herrick, of Ohio, told about planting trees in brush and turning sheep into the orchard, and to the question: How does he keep the sheep from killing the trees, he replies in the Rural New Yorker as follows:

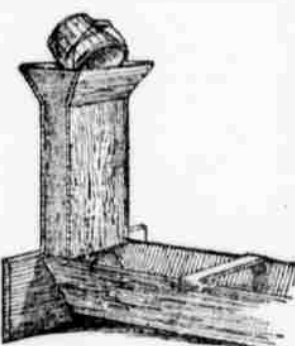
As soon as I cut and burn off a piece of land I set out the trees 40 by 40 feet alternately, dig holes large enough to set them only. I then put about one bushel of cow manure close around each tree for mulch; this manure will not heat, and will not dry out so much, and will keep the roots moist. I then get poultry wire with inch mesh, cut in strips six inches by three feet, roll it around a broom handle, and then put on the tree. I then form the head well up. I try to buy my trees about two years in advance, and set them in nursery rows; get trees four or five feet, and then when I set a piece take them up with plenty of dirt on the roots, set them on a stone boat or low wagon, and put them in the hole, dirt and all. They go right along this way. It seems since they fumigated trees to take a year or two to get them started right.

I keep the brush that grows up in the piece cut down, and in a short time, if kept cut, the sheep will kill it all out, but you must keep it cut down so they can browse it off, and in about three years your orchard will all be in good pasture with a good soil. Once in awhile a sheep will get at gnawing trees, but when they do as you must take her right out and send her to the butcher. I only took one last year out of 70. She did not gnaw, but would go straddle of a young tree and bend it down and trim the top up. It is easy to catch them. If one gnaws the trees drive the flock slowly up around the tree, and if not frightened she will run up to the tree for a bite of bark. I keep salt in a box or in some kettle or crock in the pasture for the sheep all the time. I think this makes a difference also.

### HOG TROUGH DEVICE.

Spout at One End of Trough Which  
Makes It Easy to Pour in  
the Feed.

The illustration explains the device. To any ordinary trough, attach an upright box 2½ feet long, 8¼ inches, and



HOG YARD CONVENIENCE.

flaring at the top, funnel-shape. The pigs can never interfere with the pouring of slop into the trough, says the Ohio Farmer. They soon learn to wait for their drink at the bottom of the spout.

### ANIMAL TALK.

A little salt each day aids digestion and increases the pig's appetite.

Overfeeding horses during the winter is quite as bad as underfeeding while working.

Pick the cobs up daily if corn is fed in the ear, or broken feet or legs may be the result.

If the bridle bits are put into cold water for a few minutes, it will take the frost out of them.

It is generally conceded that it takes from 4½ to six pounds of grain to make one pound of pork.

Cement can be used for the standing place of the cows, but it should be kept covered with bedding.

Keep the sow as long as she continues to give you a good litter. Do not turn her off simply because she is old.

The manure in the horse stable is sometimes very injurious to the horses' feet, when it is left for days at a time.

A good way to solve the sheep and dog question is to have small flocks and small enclosures fenced with dog proof wire fence.

In sections where most farmers keep sheep the dog question does not give much trouble—public sentiment favors the sheep.

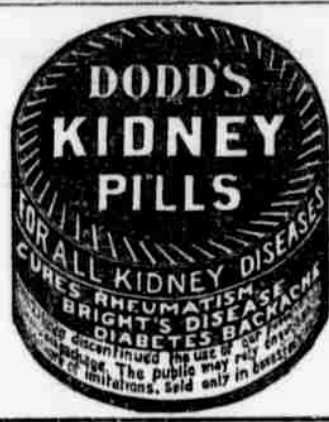
### Teaching Horse to Walk Fast.

If you want to teach a horse to walk fast, put him by the side of a horse that has a good gait. If the slow walker has any spunk, he will spring in to keep up, and gradually strike a faster pace. But you can't educate spunk into some horses any more than you can into some men.—Farm Journal.

### Prevent Scours.

Scours in pigs can generally be prevented by feeding crushed oats and barley run through a screen to remove the hulls. Make a slop of them and place in a low trough in the pen where the sow cannot get it.

Much is lost each year by the half preparation of the soil. Intensive culture is what is needed more and more. Spend a little more time in putting the ground in better condition and you will surely get your pay in the increase of the crops.



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